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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

EROLINA MATTHEWS, P.T.  
License NO:40QA00491800

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") following the Board's review of the application for reinstatement of the license to practice physical therapy in New Jersey submitted on March 28, 2008 by Ms. Matthews P.T. (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent").

The reinstatement application included an affidavit that provides that the Respondent continued to practice physical therapy until March 20, 2008 in private practice until she discovered that her license was suspended.

Respondent also submitted documentation that she completed a continuing education course ( which was not pre-approved by the Board) from September 14-17, 2006 entitled "Myofascial Release I" which granted her twenty (20) credits and a continuing education course taken on March 21, 2008 which was a home study program granting ten (10) credits. Upon a review of all of the submissions, the Board finds that the home study course given by Home Ceu Connection.com qualifies for only two (2) continuing education credits pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.3(c)1 and that it was taken after the biennial renewal period in question. The thirty (30) continuing education credits for the licensure renewal for the 2008-2010 renewal period were to be obtained in the two years preceding January 31, 2008. To qualify the continuing education courses had to be taken from February 1, 2006 - January 31, 2008. Therefore, the Board found that the conduct detailed above establishes a basis for disciplinary action as the Respondent did not meet the requirements for reinstatement of the license to practice physical therapy in New Jersey as she had not obtained the thirty (30) requisite continuing education credits within the two years preceding the

renewal period and therefore, she is short eight (8) continuing education credits pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45: 9-37.34(d), N.J.A.C. 13:39A-5A.3 and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq.

It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings; and the respondent acknowledging and not contesting the findings of fact and conclusion of law made by the Board; and the Board having been satisfied that the within resolution adequately protects the public health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown:

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ON THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF <sup>September</sup> 2008

ORDERED that:

1. The Respondent's license to practice physical therapy shall be reinstated on the condition that the Respondent shall submit documentation that she has satisfactorily completed eight (8) continuing education credits as required by N.J.S.A. 45: 9-37.13 and N.J.S.A. 45: 9-37.34(d) within thirty days (30) of the receipt of this order. Failure to comply with this condition will result in the immediate suspension of the Respondent's license to practice physical therapy in New Jersey.

2. As the eight 8 outstanding continuing education credits are part of disciplinary action these credits will not qualify to fulfill the mandatory continuing education requirements for the 2010-2012 renewal period pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.2(d).

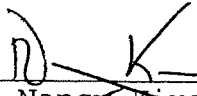
3. Respondent is cautioned in the future to obtain the requisite continuing education courses within the preceding renewal period as required by N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.13, N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 and not to continue to practice physical therapy while her license is in suspended status.

4. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of **\$250.00** for her failure to obtain the (30) continuing education credits within the preceding biennial licensure renewal period.

5. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order immediately upon accepting and signing of this Consent Order and sent to the attention of Lisa Petrowski, to the Board of Physical Therapist Examiners, P.O. Box 42014, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

6. Failure on the part of the respondent to pay the civil penalty timely or to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order would constitute a violation of the Order, proof of which would constitute grounds for further disciplinary action by the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD  
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

By:  PT 40QA00099100  
Nancy Kirsch, P.T., Ph.D, D.P.T.  
Chair

I have read and understand the within  
Consent Order and agree to be bound  
by its terms. Consent is hereby given  
to the Board to enter this Order.

Erolina Matthews  
Erolina Matthews, P.T.

DATED:

8/12/08